Claims

We claim:

1. A device for displaying search results, comprising:

at least one user interface and supporting processor connected thereto, said user interface having at least one control and at least one output;

said processor being configured to accept search results;

said user interface being adapted to apply control signals responsive to user input indicating a first feature or each of said search results;

said processor being configured to generate display data including multiple symbols corresponding to respective ones of said search results such that ones of said search results having a same value of said first feature are indicated by a single symbol;

said processor being adapted to output said symbols for display by said user interface in the format of a list extending along a first axis of a display area.

2. A device as in claim 1, wherein:

at least some of said search results having a second feature;

said display data including symbols corresponding to multiple instances of said ones of said search results having a same value, each of said ones being selectively displayable by said user interface developed along a second axis of said display area.

3. A device as in claim 2, wherein said ones are displayed by said user interface along said second axis of said display area by indicating said symbol corresponding to said ones.

4. A device as in claim 2, wherein said first axis defines a column.

5. A device as in claim 1, wherein said ones are displayed by said user interface along said second axis of said display area on a display control.

6. A device as in claim 5, wherein said display control permits selective expansion of details of said ones.

7. A device as in claim 6, wherein said ones may be selectively aggregated about chosen third features.

8. A device as in claim 1, wherein said search results are broadcast events.

9. A device as in claim 1, wherein said first feature includes at least one of title, time, date, channel, and episode of a program event.

10. A device for displaying search results, comprising:

at least one user interface and supporting processor connected thereto, said user interface having at least one control and at least one output;

said processor being configured to accept search results, said search results including broadcast events;

said user interface being adapted to apply control signals responsive to user input indicating a first feature or each of said search results;

said first feature including at least one of title, time, date, channel, and episode of a program event;

said processor being configured to generate display data including multiple symbols corresponding to respective ones of said search results such that ones of said search results having a same value of said first feature are indicated by a single symbol.

11. A device as in claim 10, wherein:

at least some of said search results having a second feature;

said display data including symbols corresponding to multiple instances of said ones of said search results having a same value, each of said ones being selectively displayable by said user interface developed along a second axis of said display area.

12. A device as in claim 11, wherein said ones are displayed by said user interface along said second axis of said display area by indicating said symbol corresponding to said ones.

13. A device as in claim 11, wherein said first axis is vertical and said second is horizontal.

14. A device as in claim 10, wherein said ones are displayed by said user interface along said second axis of said display area on a display control.

15. A method of displaying search results, comprising:

receiving user data indicating a first feature about which to consolidate search results;

identifying search results having save values of said first feature;

generating a display indicating each of said search results having said same values with a single symbol;

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expanding said each of said search results such that additional information about said each is displayed in response to said single symbol being indicated by a user.

16. A method as in claim 15, wherein said search results include broadcast events.

17. A method as in claim 16, wherein said first feature includes at least one of title, time, date, channel, and episode of a program event.